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October 17, 1980

Mr. William J. Head
Manager of Licensing
Plateau Resources Ltd.
772 Horizon Drive
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

RE: TONY M/LUCKY STRIKE MINE
AMENDMENT TO THE MINING
AND RECLAMATION PLAN
ACT/017/001

Dear Mr. Head:

In accordance with the findings of the Board of Oil, Gas & Mining (Board) on September 26, 1980, Plateau Mining Ltd., (Plateau) has submitted an amended Notice of Intention to Commence Mining Operations and a Reclamation Plan for the Tony M Mine Dewatering Impoundment Facility. Plateau has submitted responses which satisfy the Division's concerns presented at the Board hearing of September 26, 1980, for tentative approval. The Division of Water Rights and the Bureau of Water Pollution Control have approved the construction of the impoundment with stipulations. In addition, Plateau has submitted a Mined Lands Reclamation Contract identical in form to a previous contract approved by the Board, and increased the reclamation cost to \$140,637.58 from \$25,840.00.

Therefore, Plateau has received tentative approval and has met the conditions whereby the Board will allow immediate construction to be undertaken in accordance with all provisions and stipulations of the Notice of Intention, Reclamation Plans and approvals of all agencies involved.

Final approval cannot be granted until expiration of the publication period and the Board finds the Mined Land Reclamation Contract now in force during construction is adequate to provide surety for reclamation.

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The vegetation test plots submitted are approved, however, as a condition of this tentative approval, the vegetation test plots area and consultant's plans for test plots must be inspected and found satisfactory for their purpose by Mary Ann Wright, reclamation biologist of the Division.

Attached please find a copy of the Mined Land Reclamation Contract.

Sincerely,

James W. Smith *by L.S.*

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cc: Bob Morgan, Dam Safety
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